



GREENSBORO URBAN AREA

Technical Coordinating Committee

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Minutes of November 14, 2001
2:00 p.m. Greensboro, NC

ATTENDANCE

Jim Westmoreland	TCC Chairman / GDOT	Jim Ayres	Town of Pleasant Garden
Tyler Meyer	GDOT	Kelly Becker	NCDOT
S. Frank Wyatt	Engineering & Inspections	Craig McKinney	GDOT
Alec Macintosh	City Planning	Brian Wert	GDOT
Les Eger	County Planning	Ron Wilson	Starmount Company
Elizabeth James	GTA	Richard Atkins	Neal-Schaffer
Brad Wall	NCDOT Division 7	Peggy Seay	Emert Reporting Service
Scott Walston	NCDOT Statewide Planning		

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Minutes of August 29, 2001

Frank Wyatt moved for the approval of the August 29, 2001 minutes. Scott Walston seconded the motion. The committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Upcoming TIP Amendments

Tyler Meyer reminded the Committee that at the last MPO meeting, a resolution to endorse the NC68 Widening Project was approved. This was a preliminary step to amending the TIP and was requested by NCDOT as a formality. A similar process is proposed for the projects under discussion today: Guilford College Road intersections at Market and Friendly, the Gallimore Dairy Road widening, and the Pegg to Thatcher Connector Feasibility Study. Jim Westmoreland reported on his recent engagement before the Guilford and Forsyth Legislative Delegations to speak on the Airport Area Transportation Study, as well as about some of these projects. They took an active interest in the study and in these airport area transportation needs. Jim Westmoreland moved for the TCC to recommend TAC endorsement. Frank Wyatt seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Air Quality Conformity Memorandum of Agreement

Tyler Meyer noted that EPA regulations mandate a Memorandum of Agreement between agencies involved in transportation-air quality conformity in each state. Following two years of development, including the participation

of MPO staff, the Division of Air Quality now requests that the MPO adopt the proposed MOA. The document reflects both EPA regulations and the interagency consultation procedures specific to North Carolina. The MOA will govern interagency consultation and review procedures on the development and compliance to air quality requirements of the Long Range Transportation Plan, the Transportation Improvement Program, and Travel Demand Model development and maintenance efforts. Other Signators include DENR, NCDOT, FHWA, and FTA. Each of the other six “air quality MPOs” in NC will enter into a MOA with these agencies. All MOAs in the state will include the same language and provisions. Frank Wyatt moved for the approval of the air quality conformity memorandum, seconded by Tyler Meyer. The Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Tyler stated that the MPO would have meetings in January and February subject to develop and approve the planning work program. The meetings will be held during the second half of the month. The preferred dates will be January 23rd and February 24th.

Business Items

MPO Priority Needs for 2004-2010 TIP

Tyler Meyer reviewed the TIP development process. He observed that the first step in developing the TIP is the MPO priority needs list. A public meeting will be held on November 29th between 6 and 7:30 at the Greensboro Public Library. The MPO will present the draft priorities to the public and allow the public to make comments. The MPO priority needs should be adopted and finalized at the December 11th meeting.

A public comment period ended November 9th. Advertising was done through the News and Record, Peacemaker, Channel 13, a press release, the MPO web site, and direct mail was to area towns and the GTA’s Title VI list. Three comments were received. These comments and the staff responses are documented in the meeting handout. Meyer then presented information relative to the map and handouts of the TCC Needs List. Following discussion, Jim Westmoreland moved to approve the TCC Needs List, seconded by Scott Walston. Motion carried.

MPO Planning & Project Update

Tyler Meyer then reviewed current planning projects including the Airport Area Transportation Study & Thoroughfare Plan Update, Fleming-Lewiston-Horsepen-Interchange Study, Southeast High Speed Rail Tier I EIS, Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Program, and the Travel Demand Model Update. Discussion followed.

Other Items

TCC Member Update

Jim Westmoreland advised the Committee that a joint study with the NCDOT of US29 is in the process. The issues that are being reviewed are related to access management. The process should take about a year to complete. Craig McKinney announced that a meeting for the replacement of the 16th Street bridge would be held on November 15th from 4 to 7:00 p.m. at the North Point Fellowship. The TCC adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

